

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 24, please replace the first full paragraph as shown:

As shown in **Figure 11**, the spin valve sensor read head is essentially the same as the prior art spin valve read head depicted in **Figure 2B** with the exception that a second spin valve element **1110** is provided on the planars **1120**. In this way, the flux generated by the top flux guide **1130** and the bottom flux guide **1140** is shared between both the first spin valve element **1150** and the second spin valve element **1160** **1110**. As a result the amount of flux handled by each spin valve element is reduced and thus, the flux injection efficiency of each spin valve element is reduced. This causes the saturation propensity to be reduced.